

Appl. No. 09/905,804
Atty. Docket No. 8638
Amdt. dated 10/27/04
Reply to Office Action of 9/28/04
Customer No. 27752

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A body tissue-contacting topsheet for an absorbent article that is to be placed in contact with a wearer's hydrous body tissues, said topsheet comprising a non-absorbent, moderately hydrophilic to substantially hydrophobic material having an extensibility in at least one direction of greater than or equal to about 30% under a force of 50 grams, said topsheet undergoing a caliper change of greater than or equal to about 30% when tested according to the Thickness Change Test.
2. (Original) The body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 1 having a critical surface tension of less than or equal to about 45.
3. (Original) A body tissue-contacting topsheet according to Claim 1 which is three-dimensionally shaped.
4. (Original) A body tissue-contacting topsheet according to Claim 1 which has a body-contacting surface, said body-contacting surface having areas of varying height, and a plane can be placed adjacent the highest points of the body-contacting surface, said topsheet having a depth, wherein the amount of surface area of said topsheet that lies above a plane that passes through said topsheet at a depth of 300 microns below the plane that passes through the highest points of the body-contacting surface is less than or equal to about 15% of the surface area of the topsheet as defined by the Bearing Ratio.
5. (Original) The body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 3 in which the amount of surface area that lies above a plane that passes through said topsheet at a depth of 400 microns is less than or equal to about 40%.
6. (Original) The body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 3 which comprises a nonwoven web having at least one irregular surface structure.
7. (Original) The body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 4 comprising a mechanically altered nonwoven web.
8. (Original) The body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 5 comprising a nonwoven web having a plurality of corrugations loosely formed therein.

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9. (Original) An absorbent device insertable into the interlabial space of a female wearer comprising the body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 1.
10. (Original) The absorbent device of Claim 7 further comprising an acquisition zone with at least one aperture therein.
11. (Original) A tampon comprising the body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 1.
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20. (Original) A body tissue-contacting topsheet for an absorbent article that is to be placed in contact with a wearer's hydrous body tissues, said topsheet comprising a non-absorbent, moderately hydrophilic to substantially hydrophobic material having an extensibility in at least one direction of greater than or equal to about 20% under a force of 50 grams, said topsheet undergoing a caliper change of greater than or equal to about 40% when tested according to the Thickness Change Test.
21. (Original) A body-contacting topsheet for an article that is to be placed in contact with a wearer's body, said topsheet comprising a web having a body-contacting surface and an opposed underside, said topsheet having a plurality of ridges and valleys therein, and a substance for maintaining said topsheet in contact with a wearer's body located on at least some of said ridges on said body-contacting surface of said topsheet, wherein said ridges are substantially devoid of said substance.
22. (Original) A body-contacting topsheet according to Claim 21 which is extensible.

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23. (Original) An absorbent device insertable into the interlabial space of a female wearer, said absorbent device having an axis for bending said device, two surfaces, said surfaces comprising:

a liquid pervious top surface structure;

an opposed surface; and

absorbent material between said surfaces,

wherein when the absorbent device is folded along said axis for bending and inserted into the wearer's interlabial space, the topsheet maintains contact with the walls of the wearer's labia, especially if the device is primarily contained within the labia, the underside of the two halves of the interlabial device which would normally be provided with a backsheet, will contact each other so that the device assumes an inverted V or U-shaped cross-sectional structure, and the portion of the device which to eliminate the need for a liquid impervious backsheet.

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